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Eight (8) U.S. patents and three (3) foreign patent documents are listed on the attached one (1) sheet of Form PTO/SB/08A which is made a part hereof. A copy of

each is enclosed. Also enclosed in the filing papers, but not listed on the form, is a copy of a Search Report dated 6 November 2001 from the German Patent Office on German application 100 64 597.6, from which this US application claims priority.

The German Search Report cites eight patent documents (References AC through AF, AH and BA through BC), a copy of each being provided herewith. References BA through BC are all in German, but corresponding English equivalents are provided as References AA, AB and AG, respectively.

References AB and BB are commonly-owned with the present invention by BIOTRONIK of Germany and have a common inventor with the present invention (Dr. Thong). References AG and BC are commonly-owned with the present invention by BIOTRONIK of Germany, but do not have a common inventor with the present application.

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